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MEETING TO MARK THE END OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRINKING WATER
SUPPLY AND SANITATION DECADE

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of Officers

In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the meeting should elect from among the representatives a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Participants may adopt the provisional agenda as submitted, or decide to make such changes in it as they deem appropriate. A decision should also be taken on the organization of the work to be carried out at the meeting. It would be worth considering holding both plenary and working group meetings. The working group meetings would be responsible for the detailed discussion of items 4 and 5 of the agenda, while the plenary meetings would be responsible for the other items and the preparation of the Report of the meeting.

3. Reports by international agencies on the progress achieved
in the region during the International Drinking Water
Supply and Sanitation Decade

Reports will be presented by the Secretariat of the Commission, the Pan American Health Organization, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank on different aspects of the progress made in the region in the provision of water supply and sanitation services during the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade.

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The report to be presented by the Secretariat is contained in the document "Water Supply and Sanitation in Latin America and the Caribbean since Punta del Este" which reviews the progress made in the provision of water supply and sewerage services since the early 1960s and highlights the challenges remaining to be overcome.

The report to be presented by the Pan American Health Organization is contained in document "Regional Situation of the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector at the end of the Decade".

The report to be presented by the Inter-American Development Bank is contained in document "Aspects of drinking water supply and sanitation financing and scales of charges in Latin America and the Caribbean".

The report to be presented by the World Bank is contained in the document "Management of Water and Sewerage Companies in Latin America and the Caribbean: An urgent need for reform".

4. Discussion by delegations of their governments' views on the situation at the end of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

In this item, to be discussed in working groups, delegates can state their governments' impressions concerning the progress made in the provision of water supply and sewerage services, concentrating as far as possible on:

- a) the expansion of the coverage of the population with adequate services;
- b) the management of water supply and sanitation services;
- c) the degree of self-financing achieved within the water supply and sanitation sector;
- d) the tariff policy on scales of charges applied within the sector.

5. Discussion of proposals for maintaining the impetus created by the Decade until the end of the century

In the light of the experience of the Decade, delegates are asked to state their governments' views on how best to maintain the impetus for the expansion and improvement of water supply and sanitation services. Delegates may wish to consider recommendations in the following fields:

- a) establishing goals for the expansion of drinking water supply and excreta disposal services;
- b) improving the efficiency of system management;
- c) the adoption of realistic tariff policies;

d) increasing the autonomy of the institutions responsible for water supply and sanitation services, including financial autonomy;

e) placing greater emphasis in the future expansion of the sector on the underserved rural population and the urban poor.

6. Other business

Under this item of the agenda, delegates could deal with other matters which they may deem appropriate within the scope and spirit of the meeting.

7. Adoption of the report of the meeting

The report, which will be adopted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, if possible by consensus, will essentially contain the considerations and recommendations on the work programme submitted to the Commission for its approval.